



Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**Fish and Wildlife Commission**

**Preliminary Meeting Agenda  
MARCH 20-21, 2015**

Moses Lake Civic Center  
401 S Balsam Moses Lake, Washington 98837

**FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2015**

- 8:00 AM**     **1. Call to Order** *15 min*  
    a. Commissioners' Discussion  
    b. Meeting Minute Approval
- 8:15 AM**     **2. Open Public Input** *30 min*  
    The Commission is a direct link between the citizens of Washington and the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Comments on Department programs and topics of concern are welcome during this portion of the meeting.  
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- 8:45 AM**     **3. Director's Report** *30 min*  
    The Director will brief the Commission on various items.
- 9:15 AM**     **4. Puget Sound Clam and Oyster Season – Briefing and Public Hearing** *20 min*  
    Department staff will brief the Commission on proposed season changes for clams and oysters on 20 Puget Sound public beaches.  
  
    Staff Report: Rich Childers, Puget Sound Shellfish Manager
- Public Input – This Item Only**
- 9:35 AM**     **5. Fish Washington Inland Fish Program – Briefing** *35 min*  
    Department staff will brief the Commission on its Fish Washington campaign as well as other Inland Fish Program activities.  
  
    Staff Report: Chris Donley, Inland Fish Program Manager
- 10:10 AM**     **Break** *15 min*
- 10:25 AM**     **6. Overview of 2015-17 Hunting Season Setting Process – Briefing** *15 min*  
    Staff will provide the Commission with an overview of the process followed to create the 2015-17 three year hunting package.  
  
    Staff Report: Mick Cope, Game Division Manager, Wildlife Program
- 10:40 AM**     **7. Landowner Hunting Permits – Briefing and Public Hearing** *20 min*  
    Department staff will brief the Commission on a proposal to make adjustments to permit levels and hunt dates in accordance with landowner needs and recreational goals.

Staff Report: Brian Calkins, Small Game/Hunting Access Section Manager, Wildlife Program

**Public Input – This Item Only**

- 11:00 AM**    **8. Small Game and Hunting Restrictions – Briefing and Public Hearing**    *25 min*  
Department staff will brief the Commission on proposed dates, bag limits and other rules for small game and other wildlife hunting.

Staff Report: Brian Calkins, Small Game/Hunting Access Section Manager, Wildlife Program

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- 11:25 AM**    **9. Trapping Seasons and Regulations – Briefing and Public Hearing**    *15 min*  
Department staff will brief the Commission on proposed dates, bag limits and other rules for all furbearers.

Staff Report: Brian Calkins, Small Game/Hunting Access Section Manager, Wildlife Program

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- 11:40 AM**    **10. Falconry and Dog Training Eurasian Collared Doves – Briefing and Public Hearing**    *15 min*  
Department staff will brief the Commission on proposed changes to add the Eurasian Collared Doves to the lists of other species that can be used for training purposes.

Staff Report: Brian Calkins, Small Game/Hunting Access Section Manager, Wildlife Program

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- 11:55 PM**    **Lunch**    *65 min*

- 1:00 PM**    **11. Game Reserves and Other Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations – Briefing and Public Hearing**    *20 min*  
Department staff will brief the Commission on the proposed updates and amendments to game reserves and other migratory bird hunting regulations

Staff Report: Don Kraege, Waterfowl Section Manager

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- 1:20 PM**    **12. Mountain Goat, Bighorn Sheep, and Moose Permits and Regulations – Briefing and Public Hearing**    *40 min*  
Department staff will brief the Commission on recommendations regarding permit levels for mountain goats, bighorn sheep, and moose.

Staff Report: Rich Harris, Ph.D., Special Species Section Manager, Wildlife Program

**Public Input – This Item Only**

- 2:00 PM**    **13. Deer Areas, Elk Areas, Special Closures and Firearm Restriction Areas – Briefing and Public Hearing**    *20 min*  
Department staff will brief the Commission on proposed amendments to deer and elk area descriptions and special closures and firearm restriction areas.

Staff Report: Jerry Nelson, Ph.D., Deer and Elk Section Manager, Wildlife Program

**Public Input – This Item Only**

- 2:20 PM**    **14. Deer General Seasons and Special Permit Regulations – Briefing and Public Hearing**    *40 min*

Department staff will brief the Commission on deer general seasons and definitions and special permits.

Staff Report: Jerry Nelson, Ph.D., Deer and Elk Section Manager, Wildlife Program

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- 3:00 PM**    **Break**    *15 min*

- 3:15 PM**    **15. Elk General Seasons and Special Permit Regulations – Briefing and Public Hearing**    *45 min*

Department staff will brief the Commission on elk general seasons and definitions and special permits.

Staff Report: Jerry Nelson, Ph.D., Deer and Elk Section Manager, Wildlife Program

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- 4:00 PM**    **16. Game Management Unit Boundaries – Briefing and Public Hearing**    *15 min*

Staff will brief the Commission on proposed amendments to game management boundary descriptions in Region 1 and Region 5.

Staff Report: Jerry Nelson, Ph.D., Deer and Elk Section Manager, Wildlife Program

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- 4:15 PM**    **17. Importation and Retention of Dead Nonresident Wildlife – Briefing and Public Hearing**    *15 min*

Department staff will brief the Commission on proposed amendments to importation and retention of dead nonresident wildlife.

Staff Report: Jerry Nelson, Ph.D., Deer and Elk Section Manager, Wildlife Program

**Public Input – This Item Only**

- 4:30 PM**    **18. Hunter Orange Clothing Requirements – Briefing and Public Hearing**    *15 min*

Department staff will brief the Commission on the need for regulatory clarity to ensure Master Hunters wear fluorescent hunter orange clothing while hunting during hunting seasons that allow the use of modern firearms.

Staff Report: David Whipple, Hunter Education Division Manager

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- 4:45 PM**    **19. Multiple Season Big Game Permits and Reduced Rate Combination Elk Hunting License – Briefing and Public Hearing**    *15 min*

Department staff will brief the Commission on the master hunter incentive for elk hunting and an adjustment to the date and procedure for purchasing a

multiple season big game permit.

Staff Report: David Whipple, Hunter Education Division Manager

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**5:00 PM**      **Recess**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2015**

**8:00 AM**      **20. Open Public Input** *30 min*

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**8:30 AM**      **21. Equipment Requirements – Briefing and Public Hearing** *30 min*

Department staff will brief the Commission on equipment requirements.

Staff Report: Jerry Nelson, Ph.D., Deer and Elk Section Manager, Wildlife Program

**Public Input – This Item Only**

**9:00 AM**      **22. Baiting of Deer and Elk – Briefing and Public Hearing** *70 min*

Department staff will brief the Commission on a proposal for baiting rules.

Staff Report: Jerry Nelson, Ph.D., Deer and Elk Section Manager, Wildlife Program

**Public Input – This Item Only**

**10:10 AM**      **23. Cougar Hunting Seasons and Regulations – Briefing and Public Hearing** *35 min*

Department staff will brief the Commission on cougar harvest and human-cougar conflict trends. Staff will also describe how the results from these topics are incorporated into the Department's cougar management strategies. The Commission will also be briefed on the proposed 2015–2016, 2016–2017, and 2017–2018 cougar hunting seasons and regulations.

Staff Report: Donny Martorello, Ph.D., Carnivore Section Manager, Wildlife Program

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**10:45 AM**      **24. Fall and Spring Black Bear Seasons and Regulations – Briefing and Public Hearing** *15 min*

Department staff will brief the Commission on proposed amendments to 2015-2017 fall black bear hunting seasons and regulations and 2018 Spring black bear seasons and regulations.

Staff Report: Donny Martorello, Ph.D., Carnivore Section Manager, Wildlife Program

**Public Input – This Item Only**

**11:00 AM**      **Break** *15 min*

**11:15 AM**    **25. Annual Wolf Management Report – Briefing** *60 min*  
Department staff will provide the Commission with a briefing on wolf plan implementation for 2014.

Staff Report: Dave Ware, Wolf Policy Lead

**12:15 AM**    **26. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief** *15 min*  
The Commission will discuss items that arise immediately before or during the meeting and after the preliminary agenda is published.

**12:30 PM**      **Adjourn**

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**Robert Kehoe**, Seattle  
(At-large position, King County)  
Occupation: Executive Director, Purse Seine  
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Current Term: 01/01/2015 – 12/31/2020

**Larry Carpenter**, Vice-Chair, Mount Vernon  
(Western Washington position, Skagit County)  
Occupation: Business owner, Master Marine Services, Inc.  
Term: 12/06/2011 - 12/31/2016

**Conrad Mahnken**, Ph.D., Bainbridge Island  
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Occupation: Retired fisheries biologist  
Current Term: 06/07/2011 - 12/31/2016

**Jay Holzmiller**, Anatonie  
(Eastern Washington position, Asotin County)  
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